

It is necessary that the plan must be developed and continued as a long-term program. A town ordinance regulating the care and planting of trees on town streets should be adopted. The ordinance should vest in some public authority (Board of Aldermen, Beautification Commission, or Planning Board) the right to regulate the care and planting of trees on public land. The ordinance need not require that all of the work related to tree care be performed by the Town, but may merely provide that such work will be done subject to supervision. A suggested ordinance will be found attached to the end of this particular section.

CONTROL OF STREET TREE PLANTING

As soon as an ordinance is adopted, as many interested persons and organizations as possible should be enlisted to help sponsor and carry out the plan. The individual property owners should be notified regarding the plan and told specifically what type of tree is proposed for the space in front of his property, where it is to be located, and how to plant and care for it. Only trees which are adaptable to the soil and climate of the Woodfin area should be selected. Consideration should be given to the height of the trees, the rate of growth, the length of life, the root system, the maintenance problems and the resistance to disease.

In deciding where trees should be placed consideration should be given to existing and planned utilities, the width of parking strips, and potential traffic hazards caused by full-grown trees. For maximum development large shade trees should be placed at least 50 feet apart and smaller trees at least 30-35 feet apart. On streets where the parking strip is very narrow, or where the sidewalk has been placed near the curb, the best procedure is to plant on the property owner's side of the walk. This provides a better growing area for the root system and keeps the trees far enough back from the street to avoid becoming a traffic hazard.